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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the restriction requirement issued by the Examiner, Applicant elects Claim Set I, claims 1-15, for prosecution. All remaining claims have been canceled without prejudice and Applicant reserves the right to prosecute these non-elected claims in a subsequent continuation, divisional or other application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

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